

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: December 10-11, 2008

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Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING**  
**08-RIV-215, PM R9.0/15.5**  
**RESOLUTION E-08-27**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-08-27.

## **ISSUE:**

The attached resolution proposes to approve for consideration of funding the following project for which a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been completed:

- Route 215 in Riverside County – construct a third mixed flow lane in each direction and widen Route 215 to a minimum of three lanes in each direction near the city of Murrieta. (PPNO 9991A)

This project in Riverside County would construct a third mixed flow lane in each direction and widen Route 215 to a minimum of three lanes in each direction. The project is programmed in the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account Program and Regional Improvement Program. The estimated cost of the project is \$62,321,000 and is estimated to begin construction in Fiscal Year 2010-11. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope set forth in the approved project baseline agreement.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will involve construction activities resulting in habitat impacts to the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) that will be mitigated to less than significant levels through compensating the MSHCP and purchasing mitigation credits.

The Department has approved this project for construction. This approval and the filing of the Notice of Determination with the Office of Planning and Research will satisfy the environmental requirements for this stage of the project planning process.

Attachments

## **CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

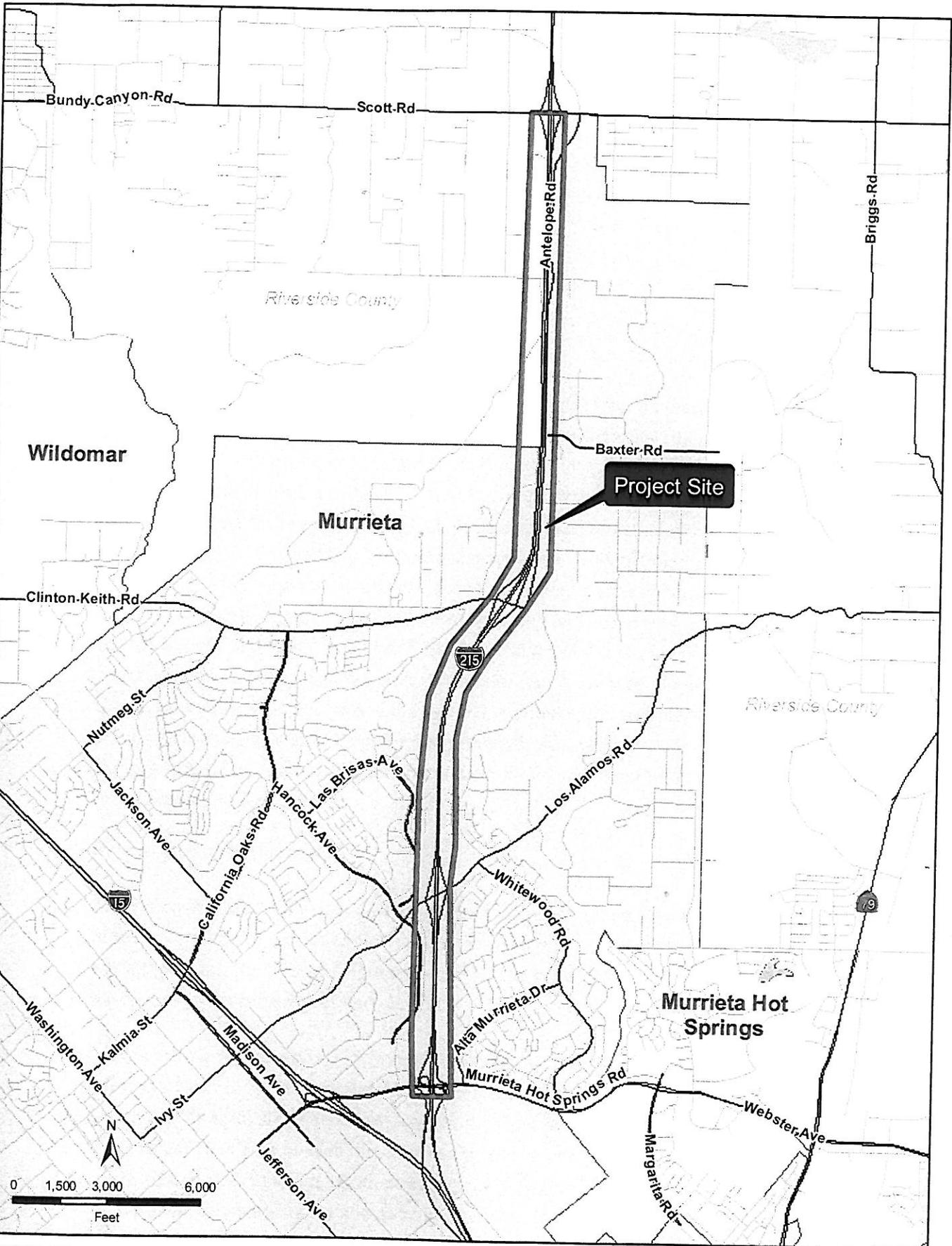
### **Resolution for Consideration of Funding**

**08-RIV-215, PM R9.0/15.5**

**Resolution E-08-27**

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- Route 215 in Riverside County – Construct a third mixed flow lane in each direction and widen Route 215 near the city of Murrieta. (PPNO 9991A)
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3** **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.4** **WHEREAS**, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2.1** **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby approve the above referenced project to allow for consideration of funding.

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SOURCE: ESRI Streetmap USA (2007)

**Figure 2**  
**Project Location Map**  
**Interstate 215 Widening Project from**  
**Murrieta Hot Springs Road to Scott Road**